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LETTER

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a), applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for an extension of time for FIVE month(s) to August 22, 2003 for filing a reply to the outstanding office communication in connection with the above-identified application.

- Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27

 The fee has been calculated as shown below:
- NO extensions of time have been previously obtained for filing the response. Thus a fee of \$985 for an extension of FIVE month(s) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a) is required.
- An extension of () month(s) for filing a reply was previously petitioned and paid for on . Thus a fee of \$0.00 is required for obtaining an additional () month(s) for filing a reply.
- \square A check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-1055 in the amount of \$985. A triplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

If the primary deposit account no. 50-1055 is deficient and non-payment will result in loss of rights, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §\$1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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